

Ding Dong Daddy Hand Jive

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Ding Dong Daddy is a hand jive routine. I learned this routine in the early 1960's from a great dance party leader named Kirby Todd. Since then, I have seen a slightly different routine, but in my opinion, Kirby's version is the best.

The music is available from the Lloyd Shaw Foundation. The tune is Ding Dong Daddy. You can hear a sample of the music by [clicking here](#).

The dance routine I use is printed in the book "**Dancing for Busy People**" on page 282.

You can see the video of the dance by [clicking here](#). It shows the movements listed below.

1 Clap both hands on knees twice.

2 Clap hands together twice.

3 Wave palms one above the other twice.

4 Change top palm and wave twice.

5 Pound one fist with the other fist twice.

6 Pound the other fist twice.

7 Tap one elbow twice with the opposite hand twice.

8 Tap the other elbow twice.

9-16 Repeat the above.

The music changes

1-2 Swim with one hand and then the other hand

3-4 Breast Stroke twice

5-6 Lasso action with one hand.

7-8 Lasso action with the other hand.

9-10 Thumb a ride with one hand.

11-12 Thumb a ride with the other hand.

13 Catch a fly.

14 Put it on your other hand.

15 Smack the imaginary fly.

16 Blow the fly away.

As you read the instructions, notice that I don't designate use of right or left hands. I don't believe that is important. I let the dancers use the hands that seem normal to them. Most of them will mirror my actions. of course, I'm left handed and most of them are right handed.

The dance is listed as an elementary dance. I have used the dance with people off all ages. The old folks in senior centers love it. When I use it in senior centers i do slow down the tempo a bit.